

We claim:

1. A method for synchronizing interleavers in an OFDM communication system,  
5 wherein a guard period separates any two adjacent symbols, said method comprising the steps of:  
monitoring each received frame for a predefined synchronizing pattern;  
entering a synchronization state upon detecting said predefined synchronizing pattern;  
continuously monitoring each received frame for said synchronizing pattern at  
periodic frame intervals; and  
10 returning to said monitoring step if said synchronizing pattern is not detected at said  
periodic frame interval for a predefined number of blocks.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said predefined synchronization condition is the  
detection of a predefined cyclic prefix pattern.  
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3. A method for synchronizing interleavers in an OFDM communication system,  
wherein a guard period separates any two adjacent symbols, said method comprising the steps of:  
monitoring each received frame for a predefined synchronizing pattern;  
entering a synchronization state upon detecting said predefined synchronizing pattern;  
20 continuously monitoring each received frame for said synchronizing pattern at  
periodic frame intervals; and  
returning to said monitoring step if said synchronizing pattern is detected at an  
unexpected location for a predefined number of blocks.
- 25 4. The method of claim 3, wherein said predefined synchronization condition is the  
detection of a predefined cyclic prefix pattern.

5. A method for synchronizing interleavers in an OFDM communication system, wherein a guard period separates any two adjacent symbols, said method comprising the steps of:

means for monitoring each received frame for a predefined synchronizing pattern;

means for entering a synchronization state upon detecting said predefined

5 synchronizing pattern;

means for continuously monitoring each received frame for said synchronizing pattern

at periodic frame intervals; and

means for returning to said monitoring step if said synchronizing pattern is not detected at said periodic frame interval for a predefined number of blocks.

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6. A method for synchronizing interleavers in an OFDM communication system, wherein a guard period separates any two adjacent symbols, said method comprising the steps of:

means for monitoring each received frame for a predefined synchronizing pattern;

means for entering a synchronization state upon detecting said predefined

15 synchronizing pattern;

means for continuously monitoring each received frame for said synchronizing pattern

at periodic frame intervals; and

means for returning to said monitoring step if said synchronizing pattern is detected at an unexpected location for a predefined number of blocks.

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